

CHAPTER 15

OPERATION OF VEHICLES

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15-1 Parking

a) Parking is prohibited on any of the following designated streets or portions thereof:

- 1) On the west side of Highland Avenue from the intersection of that street with Depot Street northerly to its intersection with Elm Street.**
- 2) On the east side of Highland Avenue from the intersection of that street with Depot Street northerly to the intersection of Elm Street.**
- 3) On the south side of Main Street beginning at the point 445 feet distant from the intersection of Depot Street with Main Street and continuing thence northerly along said southerly side of Main Street a distance of 116 feet.**
- 4) On either side of Main Street where said highway crosses the bridge over the West Branch of the Battenkill River.**
- 5) Parking on both sides of Memorial Avenue shall be limited to twenty minutes between the hours of 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM when the Manchester Elementary School is in session.**
- 6) On Main Street from the Village north line to the bridge at Manchester Center.**
- 7) On the north side of Main Street from the intersection of Memorial Avenue west edge of Factory point Square, so-called.**
- 8) On the entire south side of Elm Street.**
- 9) On the south side of Main Street from the intersection of Park Place easterly to the beginning of Main Street at the intersection of Barnumville Rd.**
- 10) On the north side of Main Street from the intersection of Memorial Avenue to the beginning of the Main Street at the intersection of Barnumville Road.**
- 11) Parking shall be prohibited on both sides of Depot Street (Routes 11 & 30) from the intersection of Highland Avenue to Main Street (Route 7A).**
- 12) On either side of Highland Avenue from the intersection of that street with Elm Street northerly a distance of 1150 feet to the top of Fowler Hill, so called, to the south boundary of lands now or formerly of Earle J. Fowler.**
- 13) On both sides of Hillvale Road from the intersection of that street with Main Street northerly to the first fork on the Hillvale Road.**
- 14) On both sides of Cemetery Road.**
- 15) On both sides of Cottage Street.**
- 16) Parking shall be prohibited on both sides of Village View Road from the hours of 6 P. M. to 6 A. M.**

b) References in this ordinance to current places of business or property owners are for general reference only. The defined areas are identified by highway monuments and distances which shall in all instances prevail.

c) Parking in any of the following manners is prohibited:

- 1) Within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant at any time.**
- 2) In front of and obstructing a private or public driveway or roadway.**
- 3) More than six (6) inches away from the curb, or outside of the painted parking lines.**
- 4) On the left side of a highway in such a manner that the parked vehicle will be facing oncoming traffic.**
- 5) At any street corner so posted by means of signs or yellow curb markings.**
- 6) On any section of a street so posted by means of signs or yellow curb markings.**
- 7) Within or across any sidewalks, crosswalk or in any area off the highway so as to block the passage of any pedestrian along a sidewalk or crosswalk.**
- 8) Within twenty (20) feet of the nearest corner of any intersection.**
- 9) Parking is prohibited on any street or roadway in the Town of Manchester between the hours of 1:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M. during the months of November through March, both months inclusive.**

d) Special regulations for the parking of motor vehicles including angle parking are hereby adopted for the following areas:

- 1) In Manchester Center on both sides of Main Street on Center Hill Road, on Park Place, on Bonnet Street and on Depot Street. Markings shall be painted or placed upon the curb or upon the street for the purpose of designating parking spaces. All vehicles shall be parked completely within the lines or markings so established and there shall be no more than one vehicle in each such space.**

e) Commercial and oversize vehicles are hereby defined as all vehicles exceeding 20 feet in length. There shall be no parking of commercial and oversize vehicles on the south side of Main Street between the intersection of Depot Street with Main Street and the point 445 feet distant northerly there-from or on the west side of Depot Street (Route 11 & 30) between the point 116 feet easterly of Main Street and continuing to Cottage Street, or on the east side of Depot Street from Main Street to a point 1150 feet there-from.

f) Double parking is prohibited at any location within the Town of Manchester. No vehicle shall be parked within any of the spaces above provided except on Depot Street (Route 11 & 30) for a period in excess of two (2) consecutive hours. No vehicle shall be parked within any of the above provided parking spaces on Depot Street (Route 11 & 30) for a period in excess of thirty (30) consecutive minutes.

g) The Selectboard have provided no parking zones and crosswalks at various locations upon the public highways within the Town of Manchester for the public safety and convenience of the citizens traveling on foot and by vehicle within said Town. There shall be no parking of any vehicle within any designated no parking zone or within the limits of any crosswalk.

h) There shall be no parking or operation of a motor vehicle in any manner which will interfere with or obstruct the use of crosswalks and walkways for school crossings at all times when school crossing guards are on duty in the Town of Manchester. The school crossing guards are hereby authorized and empowered to enforce this provision of this parking and traffic ordinance and to issue a summons returnable before the Justice of the Peace of the Town of Manchester pursuant to said enforcement.

h-a) The Selectboard may designate certain parking spaces on public highways and in public parking lots to be handicapped parking spaces. Said spaces shall be for the exclusive use of handicapped persons. The terms and conditions governing the use of such handicapped spaces are set forth in section 304a of Title 23 of Vermont Statutes Annotated. (Existing designated spaces -1. Main Street near the Quality Restaurant; 2. Main Street near Memorial Avenue; 3. The Town Hall Parking Lot.)

i) There is hereby imposed a fine not to exceed \$25.00 for violation of any provision of this ordinance. The maximum fine which may be voluntarily paid by any person violating any provision of this ordinance pertaining to time, place or manner of parking vehicles in the Town shall be \$5.00 for the violation.

j) No Parking/Tow Away Zones -

In accordance with Section 1753 of Title 23 V.S.A. the owners of any vehicles parked on the following streets shall be subject to the maximum fine allowed by State law.

- 1. Wyman Lane**
North Side - the portion of said road from the intersection of Cottage Street to a point 200 feet east of Route 7A.
South Side - the portion of said road from the intersection of Cottage Street to Main Street.
- 2. Cottage Street**
Both Sides - the portion from 100 feet south of where said road intersects Wyman Lane to Depot Street.

15-2 Traffic Regulations

a) Stop signs: Stop signs shall be placed at the following intersections for the control of traffic. All motor vehicle operators shall bring their vehicles to a full stop before proceeding into the intersection:

- 1. At the intersection of Barnumville Road with Main Street so as to require a full stop to traffic entering said Main Street from Barnumville Road.**
- 2) At the intersection of Highland Avenue with Depot Street so as to require a full stop of traffic entering said Depot Street from said Highland Avenue.**
- 3) At the intersection of Highland Avenue with Elm Street so as to require a full stop for southbound traffic entering the intersection from Highland Avenue. A sign marked "4-WAY" shall be attached beneath the STOP sign.**
- 4) At the intersection of Highland Avenue with Elm Street so as to require a full stop for northbound traffic entering the intersection from Highland Avenue. A sign marked "4-WAY" shall be attached beneath the STOP sign.**

- 5) At the intersection of Elm Street with Highland Avenue so as to require a full stop for eastbound traffic entering the intersection from Elm Street. A sign marked "4-WAY" shall be attached beneath the STOP sign.
- 6) At the intersection of Elm Street with Highland Avenue so as to require a full stop for westbound traffic entering the intersection from Elm Street. A sign marked "4-WAY" shall be attached beneath the STOP sign).
- 7) At the intersection of Elm Street with Center Hill Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Center Hill Road from said Elm Street.
- 8) At the intersection of Squires Road with North Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said North Road from said Squires Road.
- 9) At the intersection of West Road with Bonnet Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Bonnet Street from said West Road.
- 10) At the intersection of Dufresne Pond Road with Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said Dufresne Pond Road.
- 11) At the intersection of East Manchester Road with Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said East Manchester Road.
- 12) At the intersection of East Manchester Road and Richville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Richville Road from said East Manchester Road.
- 13) At the intersection of School Street with Bonnet Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering Bonnet Street from said School Street.
- 14) At the intersection of North Road with Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said North Road.
- 15) At the intersection of Cemetery Road with Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Cemetery Road.
- 16) At the intersection of Park Place and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Park Place.
- 17) At the intersection of Cottage Street and Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said Cottage Street.
- 18) At the intersection of Riverside Heights and Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said Riverside Heights.
- 19) At the intersection of Muddy Lane and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Muddy Lane.
- 20) At the intersection of Muddy Lane and River Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said River Road from said Muddy Lane.
- 21) At the intersection of High Meadows Way and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said High Meadows Way.
- 22) At the intersection of Lorette Avenue and Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said Lorette Avenue.
- 23) At the intersection of Cass Terrace and Richville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering Richville Road from said Cass Terrace.
- 24) At the intersection of Lye Brook Road and Richville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Richville Road from said Lye Brook Road.

- 25) At the intersection of Union Street and Richville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering Richville Road from said Union Street.
- 26) At the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Richville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Richville Road from said Lincoln Avenue.
- 27) At the intersection of Overlook Road and North Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said North Road from said Overlook Road.
- 28) At the intersection of Glen Road and East Manchester Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said East Manchester Road from said Glen Road.
- 29) At the intersection of Applewood Lane and East Manchester Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said East Manchester Road from said Applewood Lane.
- 30) At the intersection of Hillcrest Road and East Manchester Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said East Manchester Road from said Hillcrest Road.
- 31) At the intersection of Rootville Road and East Manchester Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said East Manchester Road from said Rootville Road.
- 32) At the intersection of Johnnycake Street and Barnumville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said Johnnycake Street.
- 33) At the intersection of Beech Street and Barnumville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said Beech Street.
- 34) At the intersection of Three Maple Drive (south) and West Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said West Road from said Three Maple Drive (south).
- 35) At the intersection of Wyman Lane and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Wyman Lane.
- 36) At the intersection of Mountain View Terrace and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Mountain View Terrace.
- 37) At the intersection of Spruce Street and Highland Avenue so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Highland Avenue from said Spruce Street.
- 38) At the intersection of Butternut Lane and Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said Butternut Lane.
- 39) At the intersection of Silver Springs Lane and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Silver Springs Lane.
- 40) At the intersection of Beech Street and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Beech Street.
- 41) At the intersection of North Road and Bonnet Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Bonnet Street from said North Road.
- 42) At the intersection of Jennifer Lane and Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said Jennifer Lane.
- 43) At the intersection of Canterbury Road and Barnumville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said Canterbury Road.
- 44) At the intersection of Carlen Street and Richville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Richville Road from said Carlen Street.

- 45) At the intersection of Deer Meadow Road and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Deer Meadow Road.
- 46) At the intersection of Highland Avenue and Barnumville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said Highland Avenue.
- 47) At the intersection of Hillvale Road and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from Hillvale Road.
- 48) At the intersection of Memorial Avenue and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Memorial Avenue.
- 49) At the intersection of Mt. Aeolus Lane and North Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said North Rd from said Mt. Aeolus Lane.
- 50) At the intersection of Mt. Aeolus Lane and Bonnet Street as to require a full stop for traffic entering Bonnet Street from said Mt. Aeolus Lane.
- 51) At the intersection of New Ireland Road and Depot Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Depot Street from said New Ireland Road.
- 52) At the intersection of Nottingham Park and Barnumville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said Nottingham Park.
- 53) At the intersection of Pine Tree Lane and Three Maple Drive so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Three Maple Drive from said Pine Tree Lane.
- 54) At the intersection of Powderhorn Road and West Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said West Road from said Powderhorn Road.
- 55) At the intersection of Richville Road and Rover Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said River Road from said Richville Road.
- 56) At the intersection of Ridge Road and Barnumville Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said Ridge Road.
- 57) At the intersection of Spruce Street and Center Hill Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Center Hill Road from said Spruce Street.
- 58) At the intersection of Upland Downs Road and Main Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Main Street from said Upland Downs Road.
- 59) At the intersection of White Birch Lane and Three Maple Drive so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Three Maple Drive from said White Birch Lane.
- 60) At the intersection of Wideawake Road and West Road so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said West Road from said Wideawake Road.
- 61) At the intersection of Wideawake Road and Three Maple Drive so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Three Maple Drive from said Wideawake Road) At the intersection of Wyman Lane and Cottage Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Cottage Street from Wyman Lane.
- 63) At the intersection of Beech Street and High Meadows Way so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said High Meadows Way from the north on said Beech Street.
- 64) At the intersection of Recreation Area Road and Bonnet Street so as to require a full stop for traffic entering said Bonnet Street from said Recreation Area Road.
- 65) At the Cross Road intersection with Bonnet Street and West Road.

66) At the intersection of Vermont Railways crossings with the following roads or streets so as to require a full stop for traffic crossing the Vermont Railway tracks from either direction:

- a) Barnumville Road
- b) High Meadows Way
- c) Union Street

67) At the intersection of Equinox Terrace Road and Main Street so as to require a full stop for entering Main Street.

68) At the intersection of Wind Hill Rd and North Rd so as to require a full stop for traffic entering onto North Rd from Wind Hill Rd.

69) At the intersection of Depot Street and East Manchester Rd so as to require a full stop for traffic entering onto East Manchester Rd from Depot Street.

70) At the intersection of East Manchester Rd. and Rootville Rd so as to require a full stop for traffic heading northeast, towards Depot Street, on East Manchester Rd.

b) Yield right of way signs: Yield right of way signs shall be installed at the following intersections for the control of traffic. All motor vehicle operators shall yield the right of way to traffic proceeding on designated through highway at that intersection.

1) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Wind Hill Road and North Road so as to require traffic entering said North Road from said Wind Hill Road to yield the right of way.

2) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Park Place and Center Hill Road so as to require traffic entering said Center Hill Road from said Park Place to yield right of way.

3) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of High Meadows Way and Barnumville Road so as to require traffic entering said Barnumville Road from said High Meadows Way to yield the right of way.

4) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at Spring Way which is dead end and enters onto New Ireland Road.

5) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Little John Drive and Nottingham Park so as to require traffic entering said Nottingham Park from said Little John Drive to yield the right of way.

6) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Village View Road and Canterbury Road so as to require traffic entering said Canterbury Road from said Village View Road to yield the right of way.

7) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Canterbury Lane and Canterbury Road so as to require traffic entering said Canterbury Road from said Canterbury Lane to yield the right of way.

8) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Hillvale Drive (main entrance) and lower Hillvale Drive so as to require traffic entering said Hillvale Drive (main entrance) from lower Hillvale Drive from the north to yield the right of way.

9) A yield right of way sign shall be installed at the intersection of Beech Street and High Meadows Way so as to require traffic entering said High Meadows Way from the south on said Beech Street to yield the right of way.

- c) One way streets: One way traffic is hereby established on the following streets:**
- 1) Center Hill Road between Main Street and Park Place with traffic allowed to flow in an easterly direction.
 - 2) Cemetery Road between Center Hill Road and the beginning of the former United States Post Office parking lot with traffic allowed to flow in an easterly and northerly direction.
 - 3) One way, east to west traffic shall be required for the full length of Wyman Lane.
- d) "U" Turns: It shall be unlawful for any operator of a motor vehicle to make a u-turn or to reverse the direction of a motor vehicle within the limits of the highway in the following areas:**
- 1) On Main Street between the North Village line near Ways Lane and the beginning of the throughway near Barnumville Road.
 - 2) On Bonnet Street between Main Street and the beginning of Route 30 throughway near the bridge which crosses the West Branch of the Battenkill River.
 - 3) On Route 11 & 30 between Main Street and the Vermont Railway crossing near the Battenkill River.
- e) A person who violates any of the provisions of the foregoing ordinances shall be fined in accordance with State Law.**
- f) Driving on Private or Semipublic or Private Property:**
- 1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle of any kind at any place in the Town of Manchester in a dangerous, careless or damaging manner. This prohibition includes parking lots, driveways, parks, recreation areas and all other places in the Town of Manchester.
 - 2) All traffic directions and prohibitions on public, private and semipublic parking and access areas shall be obeyed provided that such directions and prohibitions are adequately posted.
- g) Thru Trucks and Buses Prohibited**
- 1) All thru trucks and buses are hereby restricted from using Barnumville Road and Beech Street. The 24,000 pound weight limit will be enforced.
 - 2) Through trucks and buses shall be prohibited from using Muddy Lane.

15-3 Speed Limit Ordinance

The Selectboard have determined, on the basis of engineering and traffic investigation, that the speed limits hereinafter provided are necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the Town of Manchester:

- a) A speed limit of fifteen (15) miles per hour is hereby established on the following roads:**
- 1) Memorial Avenue
 - 2) School Street

(During school hours 7 A.M.-4 P.M.)

b) A speed limit of twenty-five (25) miles per hour is hereby established on the following roads:

- 1) Applewood Lane**
- 2) Bentley Hill Road**
- 3) Bond Street**
- 4) Butternut Lane**
- 5) Carlen Street**
- 6) Cass Terrace**
- 7) Cemetery Road**
- 8) Cottage Street**
- 9) Cross Road**
- 10) Deer Meadow Road**
- 11) Dump Road**
- 12) Elm Street**
- 13) Glen Road**
- 14) Hillcrest Road**
- 15) Hillvale Drive**
- 16) Jennifer Lane**
- 17) Johnnycake Street**
- 18) Lathrop Lane**
- 19) Leland Drive**
- 20) Lincoln Avenue**
- 21) Little John Drive**
- 22) Lorette Avenue**
- 23) Lye Brook Road**
- 24) Main Street between the Village north line and Barnumville Road**
- 25) Mt. Aeolus Lane**
- 26) Mountain View Terrace**
- 27) Muddy Lane**
- 28) Nottingham Park**
- 29) Park Place**
- 30) Pine Tree Lane**
- 31) Powderhorn Road**
- 32) Recreation Area Road**
- 33) Richville Road between Route 11 & 30 and the bridge which crosses Bourn Brook**
- 34) Riverside Heights**
- 35) Silver Spring Lane**
- 36) Spruce Street**
- 37) Village View Road**
- 38) White Birch Lane**
- 39) Willard Street**

c) A speed limit of thirty (30) miles per hour is hereby established on the following town roads:

- 1) Bonnet Street from Main Street to the West Branch of the Battenkill River**
- 2) Canterbury Road**
- 3) Center Hill Road**
- 4) Dufresne Pond Road**
- 5) East Manchester Road**
- 6) Highland Avenue**
- 7) High Meadows Way**
- 8) Overlook Road**
- 9) Rootville Road**
- 10) Three Maple Drive**
- 11) Union Street**
- 12) Wideawake Road**
- 13) Wind Hill Road**
- 14) New Ireland Road**

d) A speed limit of thirty-five (35) miles per hour is hereby established on the following town roads:

- 1) Barnumville Road**
- 2) Beech Street**
- 3) North Road**
- 4) Richville Road between the bridge which crosses Bourn Brook to the intersection of said Richville Road and River Road**
- 5) River Road**
- 6) Depot Street (Routes 11 & 30) from Richville Road to Main Street (Route 7A).**

e) A speed limit of forty (40) miles per hour is hereby established on the following town roads:

- 1) West Road**

f) Any person who violates the provisions of this section (15-3) shall pay penalties as promulgated by the State of Vermont and set forth in the State's "Uniform Traffic Complaint Waiver Schedule of Fines and License Suspensions".

15-4 Miscellaneous Provisions

a). For the protection and preservation of buildings and persons from fire and for precautionary measures pursuant to 20 V.S.A. 2481 et seq. And 20 V.S.A. 2602 es seq. and the police powers of the municipality, it is hereby provided that the police department in cooperation with the officers of the fire department shall recommend by written report to the Selectboard designated areas upon all parking lots and other areas of public travel within the Town of Manchester as are necessary to be kept open for access by emergency vehicles functioning within the police power for the public safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the town. Said areas shall then be designated by the Selectboard of the Town of Manchester as fire lanes or as emergency lanes with conspicuous markings. The police department and the fire department officers are hereby directed to secure the written consent and approval of all owners of record of land upon which fire and emergency lanes are to be established. A person who violates this provision shall be fined not more than the maximum allowed by State law.

b) Pursuant to 23 V.S.A. 1741, a police court for the Town of Manchester is hereby constituted and created with the sole jurisdiction of receiving waiver of service of process and trial, admission of violation, and fines from violators of parking ordinances of the Town of Manchester and for the sole purpose and with the sole authority of carrying out the provisions of said statute. The chief of police designated by the Selectboard of the Town of Manchester shall be the judge of said court and may exercise the powers and perform the functions and duties thereof pursuant to and in accordance with 23 V.S.A. 1743.

c) Any vehicle parked without authorization on any publicly or privately owned land and any vehicle parked without authorization in violation of clearly and conspicuously posted directions or prohibitions on privately or publicly owned land shall be subject to removal pursuant to the authorization of 23 V.S.A. 1753 and the owner of such vehicle may be required, pursuant to this ordinance and State law to pay a reasonable towing charge for such removal and storage charges, for which a lien is hereby imposed upon the automobile and/or its owner, which charge shall be in addition to any criminal penalty or ordinance violation fine.

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